

***Cris Fulford***

Cris Fulford, high-speed communication director for the Indiana Department of Commerce began July of 2004. Cris is directing, coordinating, supervising and managing the activities of Commerce in deploying broadband telecommunications services throughout Indiana. In that capacity, she is leading an effort to increase Indiana's demand for advanced communications through educational and collaboration efforts while also pursuing greater broadband accessibility throughout the state.

Cris has extensive experience in public policy and governmental affairs including the development, implementation and analysis of telecommunications policies and programs. She most recently served as executive director and public policy director for two not-for-profits promoting an increased quality of life for persons with disabilities. Both Assistive Technology Through Action in Indiana Inc. (ATTAIN Inc.) and Council of Volunteers and Organizations for Hoosiers with Disabilities Inc. (COVOH Inc.). These programs included strategic planning, community outreach, education and material development programs.

During her tenure with these two programs, Cris initiated and worked with legislators to pass HB 1926 and HB 1724, Access to Electronic and Information Technology promoted by the federal Telecommunications Act of 1996.

Cris is a graduate of Vincennes University in physical therapy and is a native of Edwardsport, located in rural southwestern Indiana. She received the Indiana Business Journal Technology of the Year Award in 2003.